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1. EMBASSY BANJUL AMERICAN STAFF CONSISTS OF CHARGE,

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AID OFFICER, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR,

AND STAFF EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND
SECRETARIAL WORK (SPOUSE OF ADMIN OFFICER). FSL TOTAL FOR
ALL AGENCIES IS FOUR PROFESSIONALS AND FOUR STAFF EMPLOYEES,
TWO OF THEM PIT POSITIONS.

2. DIMENSIONS OF U.S. PROGRAMS IN THE GAMBIA HAVE INCREASED
IN RECENT YEARS, BUT CONTINUE TO REFLECT PROPER BALANCE OF
MODEST AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND BASIC AMERICAN INTERESTS.
RECENTLY ENLARGED PEACE CORPS PRESENCE, EXPANDING AID
ACTIVITIES AND LIMITED INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAM-
ING EFFORTS ALL REPRESENT VALUED, INTEGRAL PARTS OF
OVERALL MISSION PROGRAM, WHICH WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO
SUSTAIN AT PRESENT LEVELS OR, IN CASE OF AID, EXPAND FURTHER
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AS PLANNED BILATERAL PROJECTS MOVE INTO IMPLEMENTATION STAGE.

3. USIS STAFF CONSISTS OF SINGLE FSL PROFESSIONAL WHOSE
POSITION WAS RECENTLY CREATED FOLLOWING WELCOME USIA
DECISION TO ESTABLISH MODEST SUPPORT BUDGET FOR THE GAMBIA.

4. A SECOND AMERICAN PEACE CORPS POSITION HAS BEEN ESTAB-

LISHED BUT NOT FILLED, FOLLOWING 100 PERCENT INCREASE IN
VOLUNTEER POSITIONS IN THE GAMBIA.

5. WHILE SINGLE RESIDENT AID OFFICER IS SUFFICIENT TO
MANAGE AID AFFAIRS FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, AID MAY WELL
DECIDE IN 1978 TO SEND SECOND DIRECT-HIRE OFFICER TO
BANJUL AS IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR NEW PROJECT AND LIKELY
SIGNIFICANT PL 480 SHIPMENTS MATERIALIZE. PROJECT IMPE-
MENTATION ALSO ENVISAGES ARRIVAL OF THREE PASA TECHNICIANS
IN 1978. LOCAL-HIRE AID STAFFING WILL PROBABLY NEED TO
INCREASE ACCORDINGLY.

6. DO NOT BELIEVE THAT, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CAN
USEFULLY SPECULATE ABOUT EXISTING POSITIONS WHICH SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION. BANJUL IS ALREADY ONE OF
SMALLEST US POSTS IN WORLD AND, AS REFTEL B CONCLUDED,
"CURRENT STAFF IS BARELY ADEQUATE, WITH EXTRA EFFORT ON THE
PART OF EACH INDIVIDUAL, TO PURSUE THE COURSES OF ACTION
(ESTABLISHED IN PARA AND PARM EXERCISES)....ABILITY TO
FUNCTION AS A NORMAL EMBASSY WOULD BE DRASTICALLLY AFFECTED
BY ANY CUTS IN POSITIONS." IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT
CUTS FROM PRESENT BARE-BONES AUTHORIZED LEVELS WOULD PRECLUDE
MISSIONS'S SUSTAINING NEWLY INCREASED SIZE OF PEACE CORPS
PROGRAM AND PROGRAMMED INITIATION OF SIGNIFICANT AID ACTIVITES.
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